

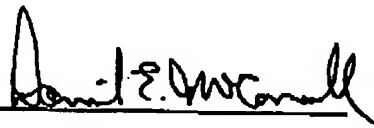
Remarks:

Applicant's undersigned attorney acknowledges with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that the claims now retained in this application are allowable as distinguishing applicant's invention from the prior art. Claims indicated as other than allowable have been canceled.

Claim 17 has been rewritten in a form intended to capture the helpful suggestion by the Examiner that the substance of the claim would be allowed if rewritten into independent form reciting the elements of prior Claim 17 and all claims from which it depends. Accordingly, it is submitted that the claim in its present form is allowable.

For the reasons given, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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